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FOR THE SECRETARY.

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: BRIEFING LEBANESE FOLLOWING YOUR UPCOMING MIDDLE
EASTERN TRIP

1. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IN PLANNING YOUR FORTH-
COMING TRIP YOU INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ATHERTON OR HIS DEPUTY, SAUNDERS, BREAK OFF
FROM YOUR GROUP AT THE END OF THE TRIP AND PROCEED
TO BEIRUT TO BRIEF THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES ON WHAT
HAS TRANSPIRED.

2. DURING OUR RECENT FRACAS WITH FRANGIE, ONE OF THE
POINTS FREQUENTLY MADE BY ALL ELEMENTS OF THE
LEBANESE BODY POLITIC WAS THAT NO RESPONSIBLE
AMERICAN OFFICIAL HAD VISITED BEIRUT SINCE YOUR
STOP AT RAYAQ IN DECEMBER 1973. DEBRIEFING NEED
NOT BE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE, BUT A STOPOVER
HERE BY A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OF YOUR ENTOURAGE
WOULD ALLAY ANY FUTURE PIQUE BY THE LEBANESE
AND IS IN MY OPINION ESSENTIAL.
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